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Dear Neighbor:

I would like to begin this newsletter by telling you that the first few months of my term as your alderman have been incredibly busy, exciting, and rewarding. I'm not sure how the time has gone by so quickly, but I do think that we've accomplished a great deal in just 90 days.

Secondly, I would like to invite you to my town hall meetings (**please see article at right for details**) in August, September and October. My number one priority is to be responsive to your concerns, and that is why I have scheduled these town hall meetings. I look forward to speaking with you and listening to your ideas and concerns at these meetings. Representatives from several key city departments will be on hand at the meetings to help answer your questions and to discuss issues.

During these busy first months of my term, I have been meeting regularly with various city departments to ensure that city services are delivered in a more efficient and effective manner in the 2nd District. If you are ever not happy with a response from a city department, please let me know **immediately**.

In this newsletter you will read about what is happening at the new Midtown Center development, my zero-tolerance policy against cruising, a measure I sponsored that targets people who park vehicles illegally on unpaved and grassy areas, what the city is doing about monkeypox, how to report suspected drug activity, a list of 2003 paving projects in the district, how to protect yourself and loved ones during a heat wave and many more informational articles.

If you have a pressing question or concern that you would like to discuss, please feel free to call me at my office at **286-3787**.

Sincerely,

Joe Davis, Sr.
Alderman, 2nd District



Town Hall Meetings

I have scheduled three town hall meetings throughout the 2nd District, and I look forward to talking to you and listening to your concerns about your neighborhood, the 2nd District and the city as a whole.

City officials from the Police Department, Department of Public Works and Department of Neighborhood Services will be present to answer questions. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved in your community and speak out about issues that are of concern to you and your neighbors.

Unless noted otherwise, the meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and go to 8:00 p.m.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **September 17 - Madison High School, 8135 W. Florist**
- **September 24 - Marshall High School, 4141 N. 64th St.**
- **October 15 - Albright United Methodist Church, 5555 W. Capitol Dr.**
- **October 22 - Marshall High School, 4141 N. 64th St.**

I hope to see **you** at one of these meetings!

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Alderman Davis Takes Ceremonial Oath



Alderman Davis took the oath of office from City Clerk Ronald Leonhardt at City Hall shortly after his election as 2nd District representative on the Common Council. Witnessing his oath were (from left): Ald. Don Richards, Ald. Michael J. Murphy, Common Council President Marvin Pratt, Ald. Marlene Johnson-Odom, and Ald. Angel Sanchez.

Prior to a ceremony and reception in the Council Chamber at City Hall welcoming him as 2nd District alderman, Alderman Davis stood with his daughter Porsche, and Common Council President Marvin Pratt.



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



MPD's Midtown Station Opens



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Prior to his election Alderman Davis (at podium) was joined by Police Chief Arthur Jones and officials from developer Boulder Venture at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Midtown Station, a Milwaukee Police Department substation located along N. 56th St. at Midtown Center.



The Milwaukee Police Department provided a big boost to the Midtown Center and the surrounding area when it opened its Midtown Station at 4115 N. 56th St.

Alderman Davis said the police department deserves credit for putting together a plan and committing resources to make the Midtown Station become a reality. "This station provides extremely valuable police service and police presence to a major new development, Midtown Center, and the surrounding residential and business areas," said Alderman Davis.

The office, which opened earlier this year, is staffed seven days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight (12 a.m.) The officers assigned to the station handle any

calls for service at Midtown Center. The officers are dedicated to making Midtown a safe shopping environment and are spending most of the time patrolling on foot inside the complex.

If the officers are not in the office, they can be reached by a dispatcher and notified to return if their assistance is needed. Also, during the time when no one is assigned (midnight to 8 a.m.) citizens can use a phone at the building to access the police department if needed. It should be stressed that this is the only call they can make from the phone (it is **not** a regular telephone). When in the building, anyone can come in and ask for help. Also, officers will post information and crime trend bulletins in the office for the public to view.

2003 Paving Projects In The Second District

Crews will be busy this year doing concrete and asphalt paving work throughout the 2nd District to improve our streets and alleys.

The list of 2nd District paving projects is:

- N. 64th St. – W. Villard Ave. to W. Silver Spring Dr. (asphalt surface).
- N. 64th St. – W. Silver Spring Dr. to W. Kaul Ave. (asphalt surface overlay).
- W. Hope Ave. – W. Appleton Ave. to N. 84th St. (asphalt surface).
- Alley between W. Keefe Ave., W. Nash St., N. 58th Blvd., and N. 60th St. (concrete).
- Alley between W. Capitol Dr., W. Melvina St., N. 56th St., and N. 58th St. (concrete).



City
of
Milwaukee

is seeking Election
Inspectors to serve a
two-year term.

CANDIDATES MUST BE:

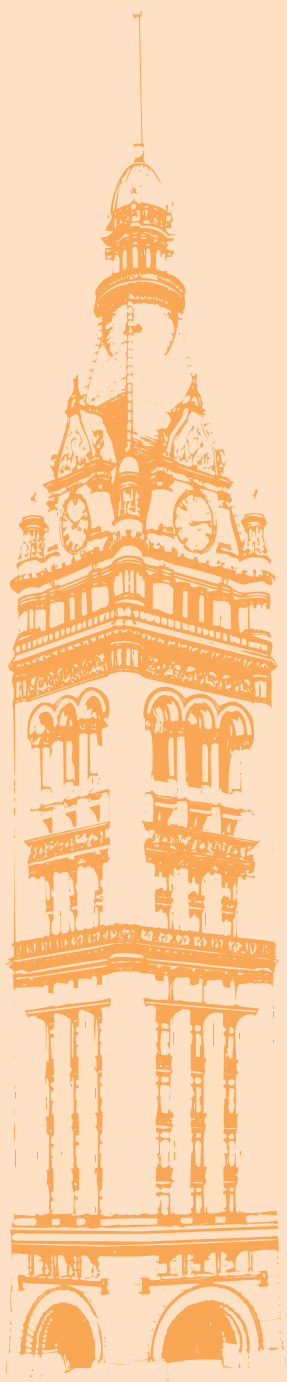
- *Qualified Electors*
- *Residents of the City of Milwaukee*
- *18 years or older*
- *Attend Training Classes*
- *Read and Carry Out Detailed Instructions*

ELECTION DAYS HOURS:

6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

*For this Community Service
you will earn \$84.15 (daily wage)*

If interested, please contact the Poll Worker Coordinator at the Election Commission,
City Hall, Room 501,
200 E. Wells St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53202
OR call (414) 286-3491.





Midtown Center Filling Out

Here is a brief update on the progress of Midtown Center:

- Phase One of Midtown Center is 95% leased. Currently, the shops at Midtown Center include Wal-Mart, Pick n' Save, Firestone, Footlocker, Best Price Fashions, Kids Footlocker, Payless Shoes, Ladies Design, Urban Gear, Golden Ark, Milwaukee Police Department substation, Cousins Subs, T-Mobile, and Liberty Tax Services.
- New stores that will be under construction and opening in the near future are Rainbow Apparel, Starbucks Coffee, and Culver's will soon be opening along Fond du Lac Avenue. It is expected that construction of Phase II, which will include another 60,000 square feet of retail space, will commence in 2004.

The Midtown Health Center, 5818 W. Capitol Dr., (the former Osco location) is located on the southwest corner of the 55-acre development site. The unique, groundbreaking design of the shopping center features developments accessible through storefronts on a main street or town center.



As these photos show, the unique design of the Midtown Center shopping center features shops and stores that are accessible through inviting storefronts that you might find on a main street, in a neighborhood shopping district or in a town center. Who are Midtown Center's customers? Answer: within a three mile radius of the development there are 250,000 people, major traffic routes such as Capitol Dr., 60th St., 76th St., Sherman Blvd. and Fond du Lac Ave., and an active base of consumers who, as a group, earn more than \$400 million per year.



Starbucks Coming To Midtown Center

Those who can't go very long without a cup of coffee from Starbucks will soon have a place at Midtown Center where they can fill their cup.

Starbucks Corp. is building a new coffee shop at 5610 W. Capitol Dr. at Midtown Center. The shop, featuring a drive thru, will be located in a 1,500 square foot free-standing building and is expected to be open sometime later this summer or in early fall.

Alderman Davis said he's pleased to have another high quality tenant at Midtown Center, which replaced the former Capitol Court shopping center. "Starbucks only locates its shops where they believe there will be plenty of customers and where they'll be successful," the alderman said. "I believe this is a very good sign of things to come for Midtown Center."



This rendering shows what the new Starbucks Coffee location will look like when it opens later this year at 5610 W. Capitol Dr.

HEALTH & WELLNESS



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Monkeypox: What The City Is Doing



Stories on the national and local news have put the City of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin at the epicenter of the monkeypox outbreak. Caused by a rare virus, the illness has so far yielded dozens of suspected cases and several confirmed cases in Wisconsin alone.

The city Health Department (MHD) along with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta continue to investigate cases of human illness associated with individuals who came into contact with prairie dogs.

“The public health investigation has been significantly enhanced through close coordination with the CDC and with the assistance of DHFS and DATCP as well as other local public health jurisdictions,” said Paul Biedrzycki, Manager of Disease Control and Prevention with the MHD. “The investigation is now being ramped up on many fronts including laboratory analysis of clinical and animal specimens, trace back of animal distribution to select pet stores and outlets in the State and providing necessary infection control guidance to healthcare and veterinary providers.”

Additional activities being conducted as part of the overall investigation include:

- Joint DATCP and MHD inspection of two pet stores which handled, kept or sold prairie dogs to the public over the past month. Both of the store owners have been cooperative with DATCP and public health officials and have agreed to quarantine measures for store animals in the interim.
- Collection and submittal of animal specimens from one of the pet stores for analysis to the CDC for identification of possible infectious agents.
- Development of risk communication for healthcare workers and veterinary clinic staff associated with infection control, isolation and quarantine related to handling of sick animals.
- Continued investigation and follow-up on human cases of illness that may be associated with the handling or care of sick animals.

The public is reminded that careful hygiene practices should be followed whenever handling pets including thorough handwashing after coming into contact with any animal. In addition, prairie dogs should not be released to the wild, swapped or sold in the interim. If prairie dogs are ill they should be reported to the local animal control agency and/or public health department.

Symptoms of reported human cases of illness include: fever, chills, cough, malaise, swollen lymph nodes and lesions on the extremities and/or trunk. In Milwaukee County the MHD is reminding the public to report any cases of human illness involving the above symptoms AND contact with a prairie dog that has visibly exhibited signs of illness or disease. The MHD can be contacted at **414-286-3606** during normal business hours or at **414-286-3200** after hours. Outside of Milwaukee County persons should call their local public health agency or State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health at **608-266-2154**.

www.healthyplace.com

Keep Your Children Safe from Predators

As the ‘trusted adult’ in your child’s life you can continue working with them on the following areas:

- Your child needs to know that he/she is so special and important to you that you want no one to hurt him/her.
- Your child should never be forced to kiss or accept touches from anyone.
- Your child should know the correct terms for his/her body part and consider them ‘the private zone’.
- A family ‘code word’ can give you and your child confidence and keep him/her safe. Tell your child that he/she is not to give out family code word.
- Teach your child that ‘bad touches’ are problems grown-ups will take care of and that they should tell a ‘trusted adult’ should anyone try to harm them.
- Design role plays using situations that might be tempting or confusing to help him/her decide the best protective action. (example-puppy in park) (example-touching private parts by anyone)
- Molestation (a violent crime upon a child) is almost never one of violence but one of coercion. Teach your child to say “NO” or “STOP”. It empowers him/her to assert his/her boundaries and can protect them.
- Your child should learn his/her address and phone number. (Don’t forget about area codes.)
- Teach your child to say “BACK OFF - STRANGER”. That will alert others in the area that the person bothering your child is not known to him/her.
- Monitor your child’s computer use. Make sure the areas they are going into are safe for children. If they use chat programs learn whom they are communicating with.

These tips and additional health and safety information can be found at www.healthyplace.com

Congress Extended Year Round School

Some very special guests - students from Congress Extended Year Round School, 5225 Lincoln Creek Dr. - were on hand to attend the special City Hall ceremony welcoming Alderman Davis as the new 2nd District alderman. Alderman Davis has been very active as a volunteer helper at Congress.



Ald. Davis Helps Create Youth Jobs Program

A new public-private initiative launched at City Hall in May created over 400 meaningful jobs to young people in Milwaukee this summer.

The “Hot Summer – Cool Cash” initiative used \$300,000 in city Community Development Block Grant funds to help build steam for the creation of hundreds of jobs for youth between 14 and 18 years of age, said Alderman Davis, who voted to secure the block grant funding to help launch the initiative. The initiative includes more than 250 city jobs matched by jobs offered by private sector employers. The program, which received media attention when first announced, accepted calls from job seekers through early June.

“This program will help to provide positive work experience for hundreds of youth over the summer months,” Alderman Davis said. “It will also provide them with some well-earned

cash that they can spend in the community or use to save for the future. It’s a win-win-win scenario.”

Sponsored by Alderman Davis and every member of the Common Council, the initiative was approved by the Community Development Committee and approved unanimously during a special Common Council meeting. During a news conference at City Hall announcing the program, Alderman Pratt was joined by Julia Taylor, president of the Greater Milwaukee Committee and others. The GMC is a key partner in the project.

“With the help of the GMC and others in the business community, we hope to attract additional partners who have job opportunities for our young people,” said Alderman Davis. “We are hopeful that employers will see a unique opportunity to build strong, lasting, positive relationships with young Milwaukeeans.”

SeniorCare: It Could Save You \$\$



SeniorCare is the state of Wisconsin’s prescription drug program that provides low-income seniors with state sponsored prescription benefits.

Eligibility is based on income and age(65 and older) and there are three levels of eligibility:

- **Level One** – For seniors whose annual income is \$14,368 and under for an individual or \$19,392 for a couple. You must complete the application process, including the \$20 application fee. Prescription medications will be provided with a co-pay of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for brand names.
- **Level Two** – For seniors whose annual income is between \$14,369 and \$21,552 for individuals and between \$19,393 and \$29,088 per couple. You must complete application process, including the \$20 application fee. You will have a \$500 deductible per person; prescriptions will be available at a discounted rate. After you have met the \$500 deductible, you will receive your generic drugs for a \$5 co-pay and brand name drugs for a \$15 co-pay.
- **Level Three** – For seniors whose annual income is above the \$21,553 for an individual or \$29,089 for a couple. You will have a spend-down equal to

the difference between your annual income and the amount stated in the prior sentence. Once you have met the spend-down, you will have the \$500 deductible where you will receive your medications at the discounted rate. After you have met the deductible, you will then receive your medications for the \$5 (generic) and \$15 (brand name) co-pay.

SeniorCare will pay for the generic form of prescription, unless a brand name is medically necessary. Over-the-counter drugs – i.e. vitamins, aspirin, etc. – are not covered, even if prescribed.

More than 86,000 seniors have applied and have been deemed eligible for SeniorCare over the past eight months. It’s estimated that there are more than 100,000 people who would be eligible. One Milwaukee County resident – who takes a total of six medications - reported a personal savings of about \$235 per month. Prior to SeniorCare her medication expenses were about \$300 per month, and under the program they are now \$65 per month.

For more information please call the Milwaukee County Department on Aging at **289-6874**.

Who To Call To Report Crime

Sometimes it’s not clear whom to call to report a crime or incident. The general rule of thumb recommended by Milwaukee Police is that if the incident constitutes an emergency, call **9-1-1**. An “emergency” would include all life-threatening situations including shots fired, and all suspected crimes in progress including vandalism (especially graffiti vandalism), a fight or battery, loitering/prowling, robbery, or sexual assault.

If the situation is **not** an emergency, the number to call is **933-4444**. Non-emergency situations generally include parking problems/issues, loud music and neighbor problems.

The 2nd Aldermanic District is served by TWO police districts. If you live **north** of W. Villard Ave., you are in the 4th Police District and if you live **south** of Villard you are in the 7th Police District.

When there are non-emergencies that may require district notification (but a squad is NOT needed) – there is a vacant house (occupants are on vacation but would like a squad to check) or nuisance complaints not in progress – please call 935-7242 (District Four) or 935-7273 (District Seven). For all drug house complaints (suspected drug dealing/drug activity) please call the Vice Division at 935-7411.

Always be prepared to provide basic details (descriptions of people and vehicles, addresses, any special instructions....i.e. which door to enter, etc.) when calling police.

To speak to a supervisor (response time seems too long/officers actions don’t seem appropriate, etc.) **call 935-7241 (District Four) or 935-7271 (District Seven)**. To learn more about starting a block watch group or to schedule a meeting with police please call the community liaison officer at **935-7248 (District Four) or 935-7278 (District Seven)**.

Report Drug Activity

Alderman Davis is committed to improving the quality of life in your neighborhood, and he’s asking you to help him shut down houses and apartments where illegal drugs are being peddled. You can do this anonymously.

Please take a few minutes to read the items below. You may even want to clip out this article and post it on your refrigerator for future reference. By copying down some of the information below, you will be able to help Milwaukee Police investigate possible drug houses. When you are ready, please call the police department’s Vice Control Division at **935-7411**. **Any and all information received will be kept strictly confidential.**

Please try to pass along the following information to police:

Address of suspected drug activity _____

Is the drug activity occurring at a residence? _____

Type of residence: Single Family____ Duplex (lower)____ (upper)____ Apt.Bldg. _____

What door(s) do buyers go to? Front____ Back____ Side____ Other____

Type(s) of drugs being sold? _____

How long has the drug activity been observed? _____

Times of peak activity: Month: Beginning____ Middle____ End____ Weekdays____

Weekends____ Time of Day_____

Names/Street names of the seller(s) involved? _____

Physical description of the seller(s): (Race/Sex; Age(s); Height/Weight; Clothing Description _____

Description of any automobile(s) involved: (Make, Model, Year, Color, Plate No. & State) _____

Drug buyers’ method of approach _____

General Description of the drug buyers: (Race/sex; approx. Ages) _____

Any additional information (is there an alarm or lookout system used by the seller/s, or is there a dog that is kept at the house/apartment?) _____

Police urge residents to call the Vice Control Division (**935-7411**) to report possible drug dealing and drug houses. **Under no circumstances should a resident approach, call out, threaten or in any way make contact with the drug seller/s or their associates.**

RESOURCES & INFORMATION



Where To Get Night Parking Permits

Police district stations are no longer the only places in the city where residents can obtain night parking permits.

The city has expanded the number of locations selling night parking permits. Including the police district stations, the city now has a total of 11 locations where residents can purchase night permits. All of the new locations (listed below) have cashiering capabilities and all night parking permit applications sold at these locations will be entered directly into the city’s database at the time of sale.

For 2nd District residents, they may purchase night parking permits at either the 4th Police District station (for residents who live north of W. Villard Ave.) at 6929 W. Silver Spring Dr. or the 7th District station (for residents living south of W. Villard) at 3626 W. Fond du Lac Ave. The other locations now selling night permits are:

- **North Side Violations Bureau**, 6233 N. Teutonia Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **South Side Violations Bureau**, 2980 S. Chase Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Central Violations Bureau**, 951 N. James Lovell St. (2nd floor). Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **City of Milwaukee Tow Lot**, 3811 W. Lincoln Ave. Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to noon.

Organize A Neighborhood Cleanup!

Want to help make your neighborhood a better place to live? Participate in a block cleanup.

Get a group of concerned residents together and form a group to help clean up. A block cleanup can be a great way to get to know the people in your community while helping to spruce it up.

You can register your cleanup group by calling **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful**, and they will provide cleaning materials and garbage bags. Call them at **272-5462**.

Large roll-off dumpsters can be reserved from the Sanitation Division for weekend cleanups. Call **286-3345** if a dumpster is needed for your cleanup date (these dumpsters are NOT for private, individual use).

How To Report Litter & Other Junk On Properties

The city has created a new telephone hotline for filing a complaint about a trashed or littered property. The new number is **286-5790**.

Items that typically should be reported are junk cars, yards with animal waste, yards with stored junk, stuffed furniture being used outside, rat harborage and spilled garbage (at least one bushel worth) around garbage carts.

The hotline contains instructions about what’s needed to file a complaint. The caller will be asked for the address of the problem, a description of the problem, the time it was observed and the caller’s name and phone number. A name and number must be provided before the complaint is investigated, but the name will be kept confidential if the caller requests.

After the complaint is filed it will be processed by the Department of Neighborhood Services. An inspector will issue orders if the problem is not corrected in the allotted time. If the problem is not corrected, the city will hire a contractor to clean-up the problem. The cost of the clean-up will be put on the property tax bill.

(**NOTE:** During regular business hours, citizens can receive faster service on these matters by calling DNS at **286-2268**. Trained personnel will handle these calls in a prompt and professional manner.)

Having A Block Party?

Before you schedule a block party, there are some important steps to take to make sure your planning goes smoothly.

If you’re organizing a block party that will require closing off a city street to vehicle traffic, call either **286-3915** or **286-3261** to request an application for a special events permit. After filling out all the necessary information, sign the form and return it as soon as possible.

Permits are typically issued only with the approval of the alderman. Once the application is approved, the Department of Public Works will be notified and notification of the event will also go to the Milwaukee Police Department and Milwaukee Fire Department. This process also includes reserving barricades that will be necessary to close off the street.

For first time block parties or a very large street event, Alderman Davis may require the applicant to obtain signatures of consent from individuals who would be affected by the event and to distribute informational flyers to those living and/or working in the area affected by the event.

Apply for the permit as soon as event planning begins, or at least 30 days before the event. During June, July and August, applications are not accepted any later than two weeks before the event. The permit process takes time because of the number of departments that must be notified.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents should take the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous household waste by taking items to a Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) mobile collection site.

Please do not put hazardous waste in the garbage or recycling container. Take products like pesticides, paint, solvents and other potentially harmful chemicals to one of the **mobile collection sites listed below**:

- **Saturday, August 16**, MPS Central Services, 52nd and Vliet, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 23**, Whitefish Bay municipal lot, Lydell and Fairmount, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 13**, Wauwatosa City Hall lot, 7725 W. North Ave., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 20**, Brown Deer Village Hall, 4800 W. Green Brook Dr., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hazardous wastes also may be dropped off at the nearest disposal site operated year-round by MMSD:
Onyx Environmental Services Northern Permanent Collection Facility
W124 N9451 Boundary Rd. (N. 124th St.), Menomonee Falls
Hours: Monday & Wednesday (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.), Saturday (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Tool Loan Centers



Milwaukee’s tool loan centers have a complete selection of tools for home repairs, gardening and a variety of odd jobs. **There are no per item fees.** Depending on the type of tool, you can use the tool for one to four days. However, there can be a charge for tools that are returned late or broken. The yearly membership fee is \$30 for a regular membership and \$20 for senior citizens and block club captains. The cost to rent just one power tool for a few hours from a commercial rental business can be more than a year’s membership at one of the Tool Loan Centers.

The centers are operated just like the public library. To become a member, contact the center and request an application to be sent to your home.

Tool loan locations include:

- 2500 W. Capitol Dr., phone **442-8665**
- Lisbon Avenue Neighborhood Development (LAND) Home Source, 3701 W. Lisbon Ave., phone **344-4142**

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Cruising Will Not Be Tolerated

Attention all young people and parents of young people: “Cruising” can help empty your wallet.

Alderman Davis said he will vigorously urge Milwaukee Police to fully enforce the city’s “No Cruising” ordinance, which includes hefty fines for violators. Under the ordinance, motorists who drive past a traffic control point in certain areas more than twice in any two-hour period between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. can be ticketed for cruising. “I will continue to do all I can to make sure the ‘no cruising’ ordinance is fully enforced and that police are responding to problem areas,” said Alderman Davis. “Also I want parents to be fully aware of the serious and possibly costly consequences if their children are caught cruising.”

The city’s anti-cruising ordinance includes fines ranging from \$50 for a first offense and up to \$200 for two or more violations.

There are several areas of the city that are designated as “No Cruising” areas. They include:

- North Sherman Blvd. between W. Center St. and W. Villard Ave.
- East and West Capitol Drive between the Milwaukee River and N. 92nd St.
- West Fond du Lac Ave. between W. Locust St. and W. Hampton Ave.
- West Silver Spring Drive between N. 51st Blvd. and N. Lovers Lane Rd.
- North 60th St. between W. Mill Rd. and W. Villard Ave.
- North 76th St. between W. Good Hope Rd. and W. Brown Deer Rd.
- West Bradley Rd. between N. 60th St. and N. 91st St.
- North Lovers Lane Rd. between W. Silver Spring Dr. and W. Hampton Ave.
- West Roosevelt Drive between W. Capitol Dr. and W. Fond du Lac Ave.
- West Burleigh St. between W. Fond du Lac Ave. and N. Sherman Blvd.

Residents of the affected areas have expressed concerns about young people cruising and congregating at night along the affected streets on the north and near-northwest sides. Problems attributed to the cruisers include traffic congestion, loitering, loud music and other minor criminal activities.

Alderman Davis said cruising is an invasive and disruptive behavior that isn’t welcome in Milwaukee. “The bottom line is that our residents should be able to enjoy their homes and their neighborhoods in peace, and having cars, loud music and boisterous young people right outside your window until 4 a.m. isn’t what anyone would call peace and quiet,” the alderman said.

Davis Backs Nuisance Vehicle Measure

A new city ordinance supported by Alderman Davis will target people who park vehicles illegally on unpaved and grassy areas.

The ordinance, sponsored by Alderman Davis and all of his colleagues on the Milwaukee Common Council, allows the Department of Neighborhood Services to place large pink stickers on vehicles that are found to be in violation of the zoning code. “There are residents who think it’s OK to park a vehicle on their lawn, but that’s illegal and it detracts from how our neighborhoods should look and how properties should be kept,” said the alderman. The ordinance was approved by the Council on June 3.

“I believe that violators will be embarrassed by the placarding and will make sure they avoid parking their vehicles in the yard,” said Alderman Davis.

The placard or sticker will include an order from the city for the vehicle to be moved onto a paved surface. If not moved, the city will then proceed to have illegally parked vehicle/s towed. Vehicles can be legally parked in driveways, in a garage or on the street.

To alert the Department of Neighborhood Services about possible illegally parked vehicles on properties, please call **286-2268**.

What To Expect In Municipal Court

If you are cited for violating the city’s anti-cruising ordinance, the case will be handled in Municipal Court. The Milwaukee Municipal Court is located at 951 N. James Lovell Street and deals only with cases involving city ordinance violations. Offenses brought before the Municipal Court are those that occur within the limits of the City of Milwaukee. The following is true of cases that come before the municipal court:

- The primary sentence imposed on a guilty defendant is a monetary fine. A municipal judge may also require the defendant to participate in a community service or educational program. If a defendant does not pay the fine, the judge may suspend the defendant’s driving privileges or put him or her in jail.
- All actions of the Municipal Court can be appealed to the circuit court.
- In addition to determining the guilt or innocence of a defendant, and to imposing fines on the guilty ones, Municipal Court judges are also interested in encouraging lawful behavior and discouraging repeat violations.

What happens if I get a ticket?

It is important to remember - If you get a ticket, do not ignore it – you **will** have to deal with it sooner or later. A summary of the court process:

- The citation or ticket you receive will have a court date written on it – this is the initial appearance or intake court date. This is when you tell the court if you plead guilty, not guilty or no contest to the charges on the citation.
- If you plead guilty and send full payment to the court by mail (at least five days before your court date) you do not have to appear in court.
- If you plead not guilty by mail (at least five days before your court date), the court will schedule a pre-trial conference or trial date for you and send you a notice of that date. You do not have to appear in court until the pre-trial or trial date.
- Otherwise, you must appear in court on the intake date written on the ticket. If you do not appear in court, you will be found guilty by default and a fine will be assessed against you.
- If the judge sets a pre-trial conference, you will have the opportunity to discuss your case with a representative of the City Attorney’s Office and try to come to an agreement with them.
- If you come to an agreement with the City Attorney and the judge accepts the agreement, the judge will impose judgment and generally give you time to pay any fine. If the judge does not agree or if you do not come to an agreement with the City Attorney, the judge will schedule your case for a trial.
- At the trial both you and the City Attorney will have a chance to present your case to the judge. If the judge finds you guilty and imposes a fine, you will generally be provided with time to pay it.

What happens if you don’t pay the fine?

Depending upon the type of violation, several things will happen to you if you do not pay the fine:

- Suspension of your driving privileges.
- Arrest and commitment to the Milwaukee County House of Corrections.
- Your debt will be referred to a collection agency.
- A lien will be placed on real estate that you own.
- A portion of your Wisconsin income tax refund will be sent to the City to cover your fine.

What happens if you can’t pay your fine?

If you can’t pay your fine, please come to court. Depending upon the type of citation, the court has several programs to help you - including installment payment plans, payment extension, and community service. **Your fine will not go away if you ignore it.**

Who do I call if I have a question?

Call the Municipal Court at **286-3800**.

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Summer Events

thru Aug. 29	Rainbow Summer, PAC Peck Pavilion
thru Aug. 27	Westtown's River Rhythms, Pere Marquette Park
thru Sept. 18	Jazz in the Park, Cathedral Square Park
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22	River Flicks
Aug. 28 – 31	Harley-Davidson 100th Anniversary
Aug. 14 - 17	Irish Fest, Maier Festival Park
Aug. 14 - 17	Milwaukee A La Carte, Milwaukee County Zoo
Aug. 22 - 24	Mexican Fiesta, Maier Festival Park
Sept. 1	Labor Fest
Sept. 5 – 7	Indian Summer, Maier Festival Park
Sept. 12 – 14	Arabian Fest, Maier Festival Park
September 21	AI's Run and Walk

To find out more about the events listed, call the Greater Milwaukee Convention & Visitors Bureau at **1-800-554-1448**.

Milwaukee Fire Department Deputy Chief Honored By Common Council



Alderman Davis (second from right) presented Milwaukee Fire Department Deputy Chief Douglas Holton (holding plaque) with a Common Council resolution honoring him for his service to the city. Holton, a department veteran of more than 25 years, has been appointed as the next fire chief of the city of St. Paul, Minn. Holton will be St. Paul's first African American fire chief and the first chief appointed from outside the department. Also pictured are (left to right): Ald. Thomas G. Nardelli, Ald. Jim Bohl, Ald. Suzanne M. Breier, Fire Chief William Wendlandt, Holton, Ald. Marlene Johnson-Odom, Ald. Joe Dudzik and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Sain.